Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph which begins on page 4, line 14 of the Specification with the following amended paragraph:

The outlet from the last rectilinear conduit 8 is connected to a flexible pipe 13 that enters a reservoir 14 through a downward-directed elbow 15. A suction fan 16 with a power of 1200 W and provided with a filter 17 with a total filtering surface of 1.2m² is arranged at the top 20 of the reservoir 14. The powdery substance that is passed through the conduits accumulates at the bottom of the reservoir 18.

Please replace the paragraph which begins at page 1, line 5 with the following amended paragraph:

The present invention relates to a composition based on a <u>calcic compound</u>, <u>sometimes referred to herein as a powdery calco-magnesian compound</u>.